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Manufacture of caustic soda in the Province.

*44Q.-Sri M.K. Sundararama Ayyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state --

(a) the number of caustic soda factories in our Province; their monthly production in tons from 1940 onwards and their selling prices;

(b) the quantity in tons released for consumption in the Provinces to (1) yarn and cloth dyers, (2) soap manufacturers and (3) to other textile purposes;

(c) whether the Government have fixed any ratio in regard to quantity for distribution;

(d) whether caustic soda manufactured by the Mettur Chemical and Industrial Corporation have been found inferior and weaker in strength when compared to imported caustic soda; if so, whether the Government have advised them to improve the quality;

(e) whether the Government have received any proposals from private firms in and Mettur Chemical and Industrial Corporation regarding erection of new additional plants for increasing the production of caustic soda;

(f) whether the bleaching power manufactured by the Mettur Chemical and Industrial Corporation has very low chlorine content relative to imported bleaching powder;

(g) whether the selling agents of Mettur Chemical and Industrial Corporation are compelling the yarn and cloth dyers to take for each pound of caustic soda four to five times of bleaching powder; and

(h) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to advise them to supply caustic soda alone without the accompaniment of bleaching powder to yarn and cloth dyers while they do not require bleaching powder ?

The Hon. Sri H. Sitarama Reddi:-"(a) The Mettur Chemical and Industrial Corporation, Limited, Mettur, is the only Company which manufactures caustic soda in this Province. Information regarding the monthly production of the Company is not available. The annual production of the Company during the years 1941-44 was as given below:--

Year	Production per year in Tons.
1941	369
1942	883
1943	1,316
1944	1,223

A statement showing the rates charged by the Company is placed on the Table of the House.

(B) The information is not available as the distribution was not effected through this Government.

(c) The Provincial Government have not fixed any ratio but the Central Government has been giving directions to stockists.

(d) The strength depends on the extent of concentration, which again will depend on available facilities and the demand. No instructions have been issued by this

Government regarding the quality of the product.

(e) Yes.

(f) Some complaints have been received to this effect.

(g) No.

(h) The question does not arise".

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No further action is necessary. The papers may be recorded -

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